

Grailhe Family Tomb
North Claiborne Avenue;
St. Louis Cemetery #2
New Orleans
Orleans Parish
Louisiana

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Address: North Claiborne Avenue; St. Louis Cemetery #2,
New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Present Owner: Mrs. L. S. Taney; 1437 Urania Street, New Orleans,
Louisiana.

Present Use: Family tomb.

Statement of
Significance: An interesting example of an Egyptian-Revival
family mausoleum.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Alexandre Grailhe;
Grailhe Family.
2. Date of erection: 1850.
3. Architect: J. N. B. DePouilly
4. Builder, suppliers: P. H. Monsseaux

B. Sources of Information:

Curtis, Nathaniel C. New Orleans, Its Old Houses, Shops,
and Public Buildings. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott &
Co., 1933.

North Carolina State College, School of Design. Report
submitted by Gerrard Edmond Raymond, architectural student.
1961.

Wilson, Samuel, Jr. (F.A.I.A.), New Orleans' architect,
historian and author.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: An interesting example of an
Egyptian-Revival family mausoleum.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

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B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: 12'-9 3/4" x 7'-6" (facing north-west); on a fenced platform 15'-7 1/2" x 12'-0 1/4"; one story.
2. Foundations: Brick.
3. Wall construction: Ashlar masonry of Tuckaho marble.
4. Platform: Masonry base with fence.
5. Openings: Double, cast iron doors.
6. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Slightly-pitched, masonry, gable roof.
 - b. Cornice: Stone cornice with Egyptian-Revival details.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: Small rectangular room with six vaults opposite entry.
2. Flooring: Stone masonry.
3. Doorways and doors: Cast iron.

D. Site:

1. Orientation: Cemetery plot with frontage facing north-west.
2. Enclosures: The tomb is on a fence-enclosed platform.

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